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My Dear A. Gray I have
yours of 4th inst. Well - I am
driven to and dont see
how I can write anything
botanical now. This week
is election and the winding
up of the Centennial; and after
that I must get ready my re-
port &c as "Recein" for the
U.S. Court. This includes going
over the jury cases & be sure
that all is correct and will keep
me busy until about Dec 10th.
After that I may have some
leisure. But I do want to

the Plates. I am verdant
about such matters, but you
will give me proper directions.

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get Darlington written of in order that Mrs. Austin may not lose the credit due her.

I think there is no need to send Sprague drawings. I shall be fully satisfied if you are; and I am fully satisfied to pay anything you think is right.

Canby should have the naming too. He is a good fellow and has paid me a great compliment and I am glad to have him gratified; and you don't mind, I feel sure, to be told how much I value your friendship.

Mr. Watson will show you my card in relation to Senecio from Mrs. Austin, and Mentzelia bracteata (Nuttallia unicaulis) be better I think from Arizona.

Ever truly Yours

Jno. M. Coulter

A letter from Thurber just in he says of you that "out of botany" — you are "an unreclaimable crank". Do you see what they think of you at Brotherhead.

Lycium Thurberi from California!

Mrs. Ames

Since writing above it seems to come to me mind that "Vinelan" is a Phila. engraver. If this be so and you wish me to attend to the engraving send along the drawings & I will see to getting